

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of March 24, 2006, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Office Action, Applicant was asked to maintain a clear line of demarcation between the present application and that of applicant's copending application Serial No. 10/496,342. The claims have been amended in response to the Examiner's request and claims 16-29 have been canceled.

Independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended as set forth above to recite a geared motor arranged to actuate a valve to seal the first region. The use of such a geared motor allows large valves to be operated with a small amount of power, which is particularly useful for radio controlled valves. The valve assembly shown in Figures 14 & 15, by way of example, discloses a safety valve assembly without a temperature sensitive aspect to it which includes a geared motor.

Figure 4 of *Turk*, the primary reference upon which the Examiner relies, shows a fire detector 150, but it is clear from the drawing and column 4, lines 51-52, that the fire detector is electrically powered and operated. *Turk* does not disclose a geared motor arranged to activate a valve.

The secondary reference upon which the Examiner relies, GB 2179767, discloses a gas fire appliance with a gas control valve, in which a fusible plug 23 melts to release pressure in the chamber and close the valve. GB '767 also does not disclose a geared motor.

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Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 7 are patentable over the cited references. The remaining claims are dependent upon claims 1 or 7 and are also patentable based at least upon their dependence therefrom.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.


Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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